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DEDICATION.

MY DEAR MISS GRENFELL.

I CANNOT forego the pleasure of dedicating this little book to you; excepting of course the opening exhortation (useless enough in your case) to those who have not yet discovered the value of Natural History. Accept it as a memorial of pleasant hours spent by us already, and as an earnest, I trust, of pleasant hours to be spent hereafter (perhaps, too, beyond this life in the nobler world to come) in examining together the works of our Father in Heaven.

Yours ever gratefully and faithfully,

C. KINGSEY.

BIRMINGHAM, April 24, 1835.

Beyond the shadow of the ship
I watched the water-snakes:
They moved in tracks of shining white,
And when they tented, the sun light
Fell off in hoary flakes.

O happy living things! no tongue
Their beauty might declare:
A spring of love gushed from my heart,
And I blessed them unaware.

Coleridge's Ancient Mariner